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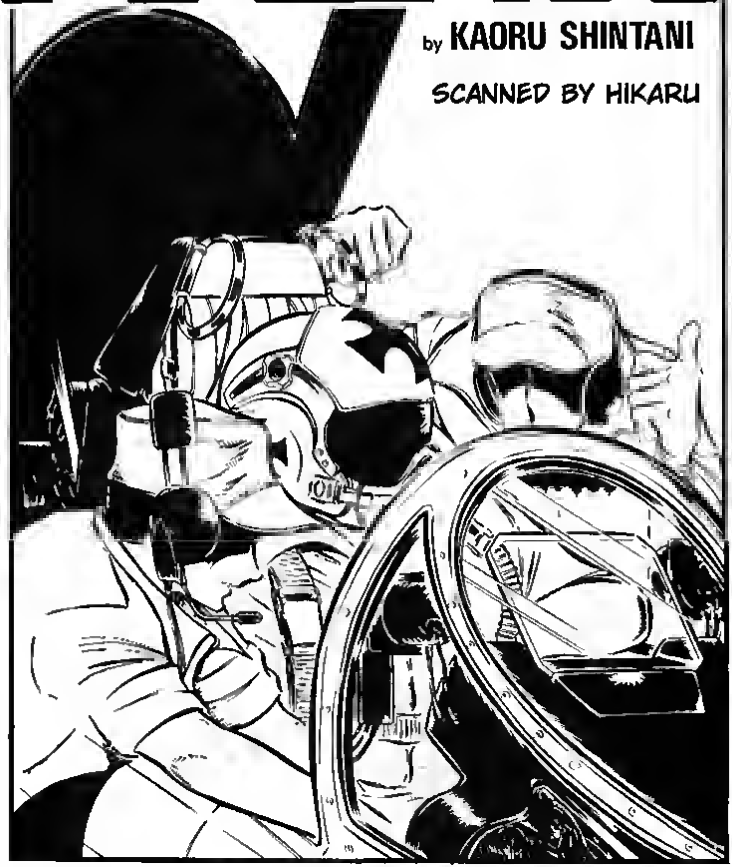

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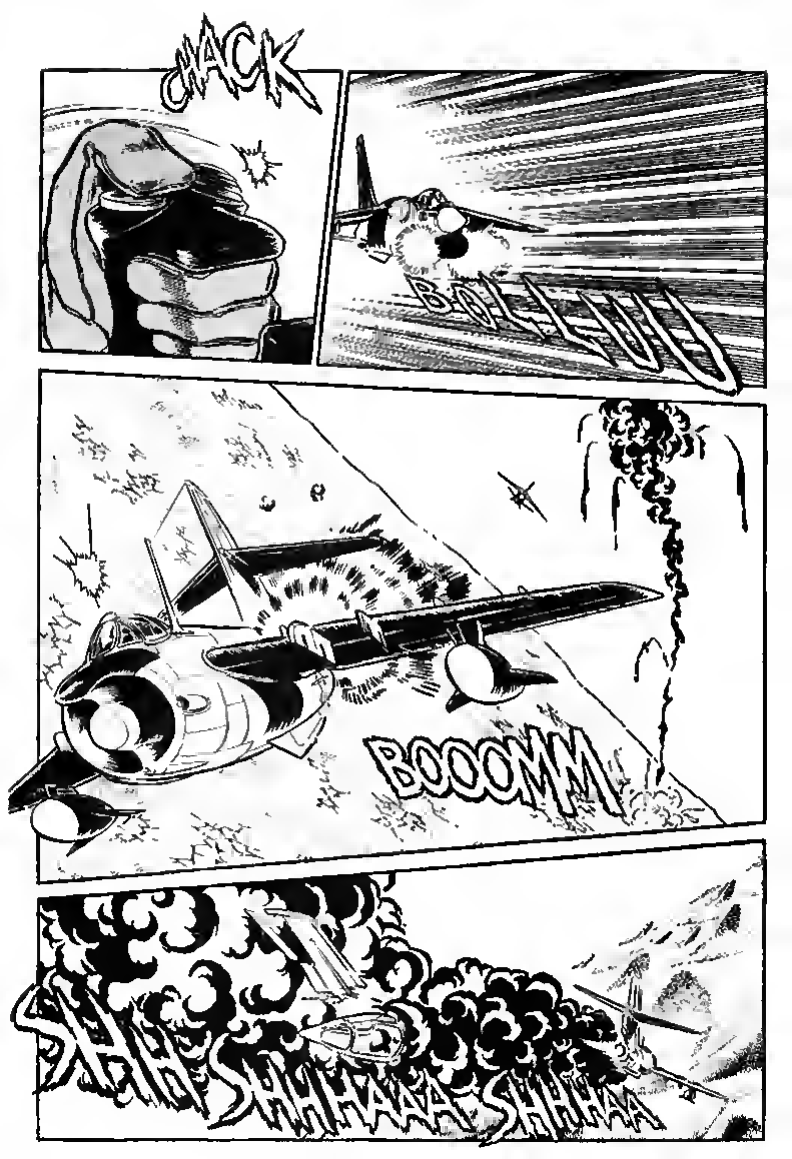
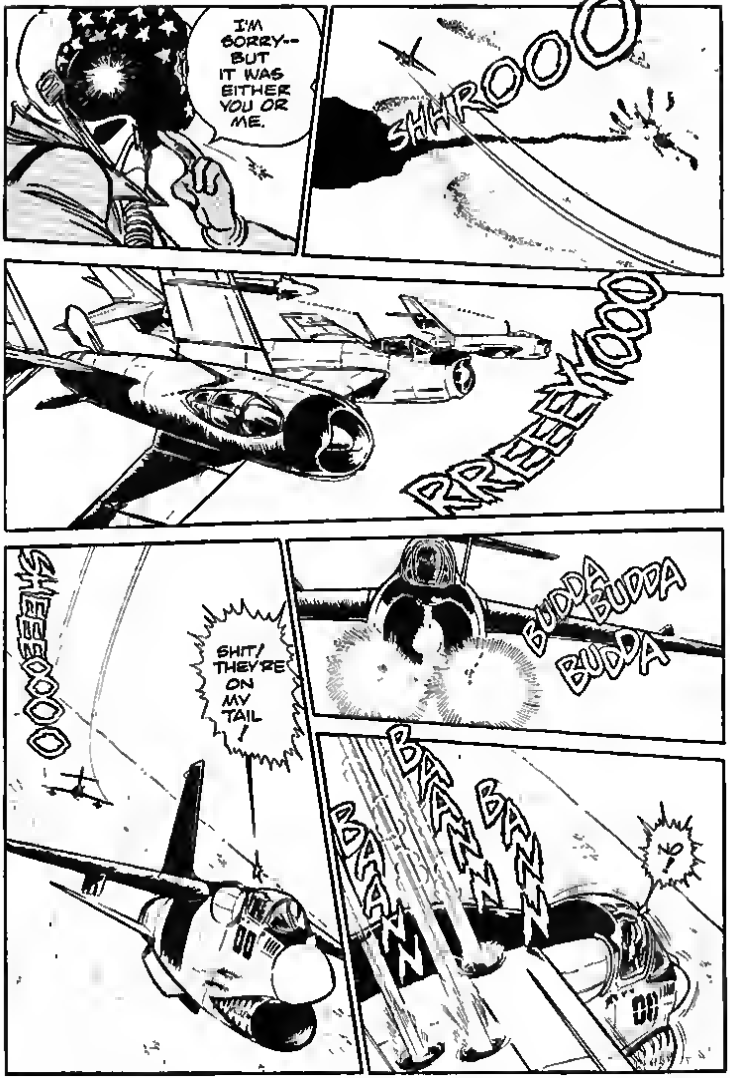

CHACK
BOOOMM
SHHHHHHHHHHHHHH


I'M SORRY-- BUT IT WAS EITHER YOU OR ME.
SHHROOO
KREEKOOO
SHEEOOOO
SHIT! THEY'RE ON MY TAIL!
BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA
BAANN BAANN BAANN
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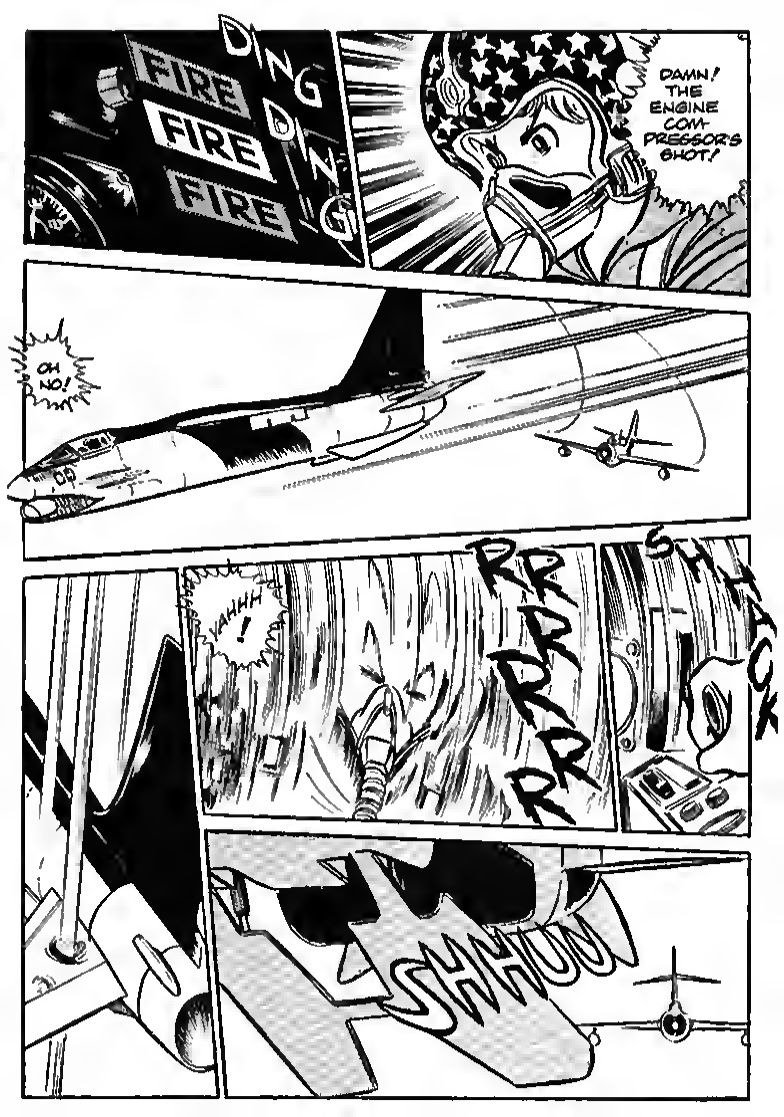
D'NG D'NG
FIRE
FIRE
FIRE
DAMN! THE ENGINE COMPRESSOR'S SHOT!
OH NO!
AAHHH!
RRRRRRR
SHHHOK
SHHUU

WHAT ?!
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WHOOSH
YAHHH !!
WHOOSH
GOOD! NOW IM ON HIS TAIL!

HEY, SHIN.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MAN? ARE YOU PACKING YOUR BAGS ALREADY?!
WE'RE NOT LEAVING 'TIL THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW. BE REAL!
OH, I KNOW— YOU'RE ALL HOT TO SEE RYOKO AGAIN, AREN'T YA?
SHUT UP! KANZAKI!
WELL... I ENVY YOU, PAL, BELIEVE ME. I MEAN, SHE'S THE DAUGHTER OF THE PRESIDENT OF YAMATO AIRLINES.
YOU'RE GOING TO GET PROMOTED REALLY FAST
I KNOW IT.
N-NO... IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT, KANZAKI.
FIRST OF ALL, I HAVEN'T EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT OUR MARRIAGE.
ALL I THINK ABOUT RIGHT NOW IS FLYING.

WELL, AT LEAST YOU'RE NOT GREEDY, SHIN. I'LL GIVE YOU THAT.
BUT WITH ME, IT'S DIFFERENT.
I'LL DO ANYTHING TO GET TO THE TOP. AND I'LL LET NOTHING STAND IN MY WAY.
I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED WHERE YOUR AMBITION COMES FROM. IT'S A MYSTERY TO ME.
I ENVY YOU.
HEH, HEH... YOU'RE JUST TOO NICE, SHIN.
ANYWAY, WE'VE GOT THE OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME FIRST LINE PILOTS FOR YAMATO AIRLINES.
LET'S STICK TO IT!
YEAH...
WHEN WE GET BACK TO JAPAN, LET'S GO VISIT THE PRINCIPAL. HE'LL BE GLAD TO SEE US.
NO... I WON'T GO.
WHY?!

I MADE A PROMISE TO MYSELF WHEN I LEFT THE ORPHANAGE... I DECIDED THAT I WOULDN'T RETURN THERE UNTIL I BECAME A MILLIONAIRE AND COULD BUY THEM A NEW BUILDING.
SHIN, LISTEN...I'M NOT GOING TO STAY WITH YAMATO AIRLINES FOREVER.
I'M GOING TO HAVE MY OWN AIRLINE SOMEDAY.
THAT IS MY GOAL, AND I'M GOING TO MAKE IT-- NO MATTER WHAT!
BUT PLEASE, SAY HELLO TO THE PRINCIPAL FOR ME. ALL RIGHT?
KANZAKI...
NOW, LET'S NOT GET ALL WEEPY-EYED, SHALL WE? LET'S SAY WE GO OUT AND HAVE SOME FUN.
FUN, HUH? WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN MIND?
LET'S GET BLASTED! WE'VE LET OURSELVES BECOME TOO DIRTY WITH JET FUEL AND ENGINE OIL, SO LET'S WASH IT OFF WITH ALCOHOL.
COME ON, IT'LL BE GREAT!
WELL... OKAY, SURE.

LET'S CHECK OUT ANOTHER BAR!
AHHH, I CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE.
ZUWOOOO
WHEEE... THE EIFFEL TOWER IS FLYING!
WELL... urp, IF I HAD TO SIT ON THE GROUND ALL DAY, I'D WANNA FLY TOO. HEH.
THE TOKYO TOWER, FLIES TOO!!
DOES THE KOBE TOWER FLY?
HELL, YES! WHEN THEY GET TIRED OF STANDING, THEY ALL FLY!
THEN THE SKY'S GONNA BE TOO CROWDED FOR US TO FLY IN.
WELL THEN, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO STRETCH A WHOLE LOT OF NETS AT TEN THOUSAND FEET TO KEEP THE TOWERS OUT OF OUR WAY!
THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE AT ALL!!

SHIN. HEY, SHIN. COME ON AND GET UP. I GOT SOMETHING FOR YOU TO SIGN.
UHHH AAH...
SIGN? ...WHERE? WILL YOU LET ME SLEEP IF I SIGN THIS?
HERE-- SIGN HERE! YOU HAVE TO SIGN THIS--- IT'S YOUR PERMIT FOR STOPPING OUT.
WHAT? HUH...?
THIS LOOKS KIND OF BIG FOR A STOPPING-OUT PERMIT. I MUST BE DRUNK...
UHHHH... S-H-I-N... KA-Z-A-M-A..
Pilot agrees
death for desertion
forty years imprisonment
This contract is binding, and
it will be punished under the fu
Shin Kazama
SO LONG... SHIN.

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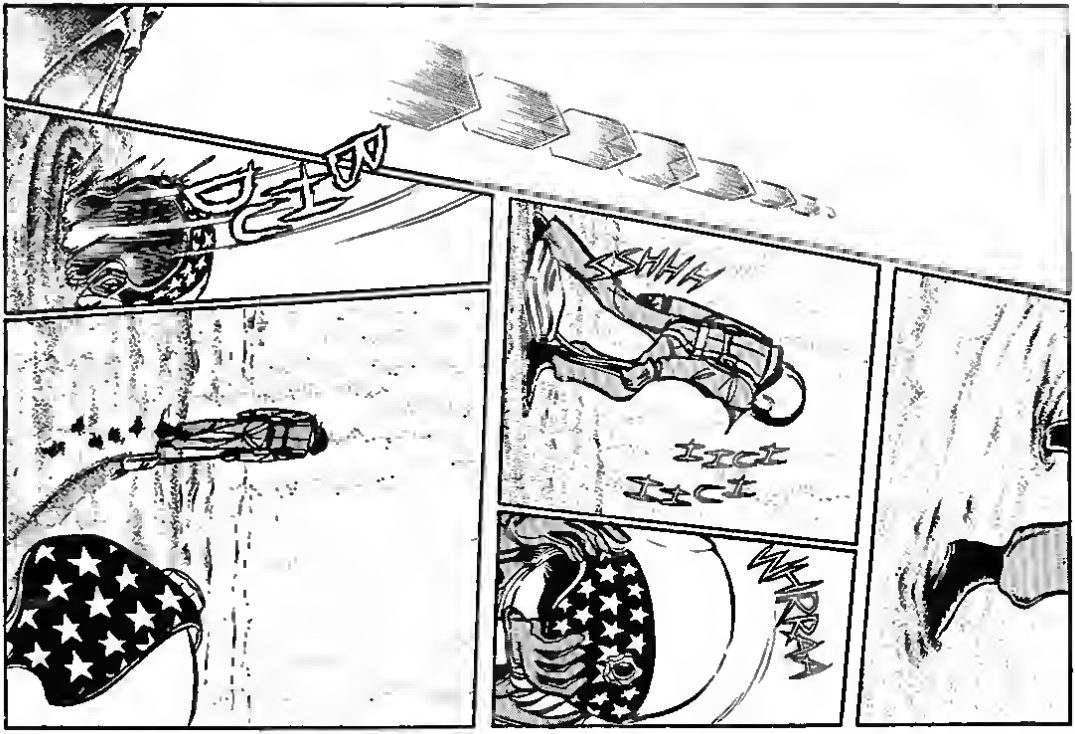
HEY, YOU! GET UP!
UHNNNN
...WHO ARE YOU?
GET YOUR CLOTHES ON. YOU'RE COMING WITH US!
HURRY UP! YOU'RE ON CONTRACT AS OF THIS MORNING.
CONTRACT? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU GUYS ARE MAKING A MISTAKE--I HAVEN'T SIGNED ANY CONTRACT.
YOUR NAME IS SHIN KAZAMA, AND YOU'RE JAPANESE, CORRECT?
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.
AND I'M ALSO A FOREIGN STUDENT, SENT TO THIS FLIGHT SCHOOL BY YAMATO AIRLINES.
YOU MEAN YOU WERE. AS OF 12 PM LAST NIGHT, YOU LEFT YAMATO AIRLINES AND JOINED THE MERCENARY AIR FORCE OF THE ASRAN KINGDOM.
FROM THIS MOMENT ON, YOU ARE A SOLDIER. YOU WILL FOLLOW OUR ORDERS AS SUCH, UNDERSTAND?

WHAT ?!
HURRY UP AND GET DRESSED. OUR CAR IS WAITING.
KANZAKI! HELP! I'M IN TROUBLE !!
WHACK

MR. KAZAMA..
IF YOU DO NOT COOP-ERATE, WE WILL SHOOT YOU AS A DESERTER
I DON'T REMEM-BER JOIN-ING ANY DAMN MERCE-NARY AIR FORCE !!
nment in
nding, and any
d under the full extent
Shin Kazama
WH-WHY.. THIS CAN'T BE TRUE!
BUT THIS... THIS IS MY SIGNATURE
THIS CONTRACT STATES THAT YOU WILL SERVE THE ASRAN KINGDOM AS A MERCENARY PILOT FOR THREE YEARS STARTING TODAY.
WE DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR PAST, YOUR RECORD, OR YOUR NATIONALITY. WE WELCOME EVERYONE-- SO LONG AS THEY ARE GOOD PILOTS.
I'LL DO ANYTHING TO GET TO THE TOP..
HEY, SHIN! I GOT SOMETHING FOR YOU TO SIGN.
KANZAKI... WHY? WHY?
WHY DID YOU DO THIS TO ME..?

D-DAMMIT. I.. WON'T DIE. I-I REFUSE TO.. DIE.
I WILL SURVIVE.. AND GET MY.. REVENGE.. ON THAT *BASTARD!* YOU HEAR ME, *KANZAKI!?*


SSHHH
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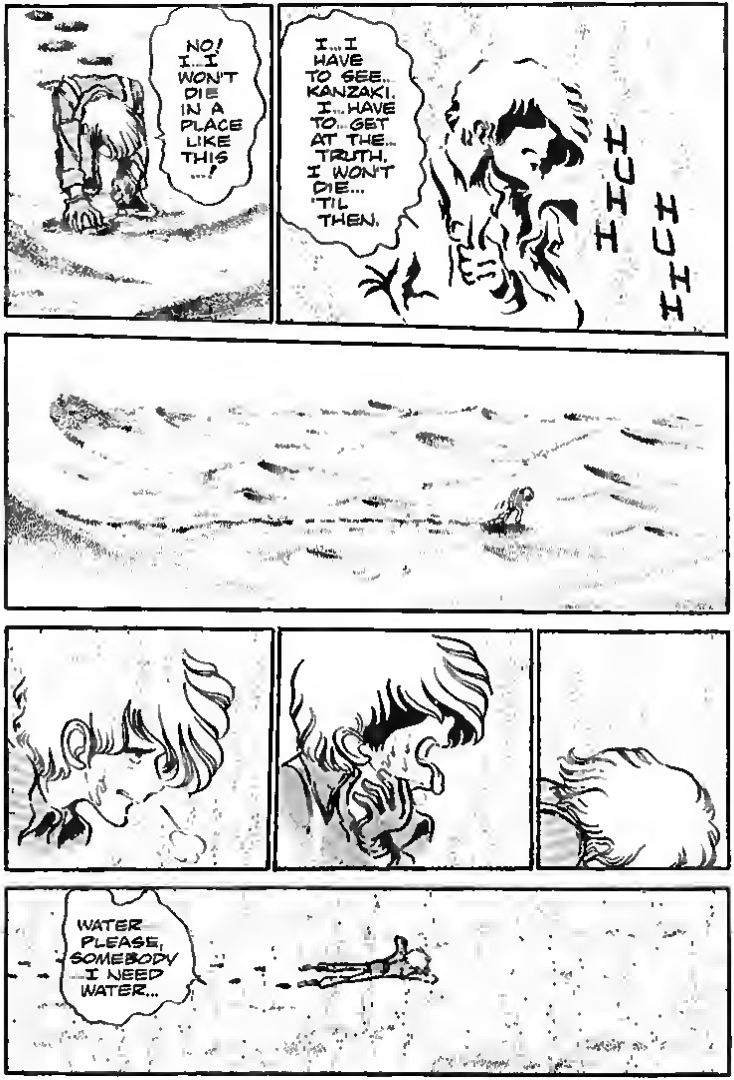
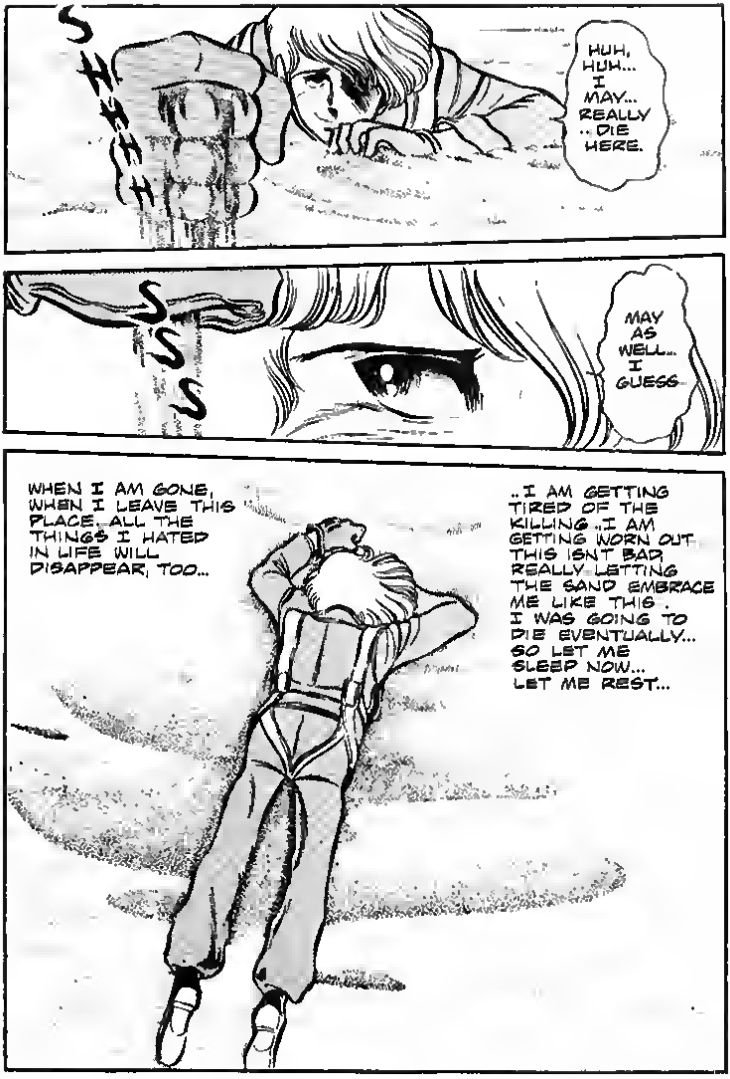
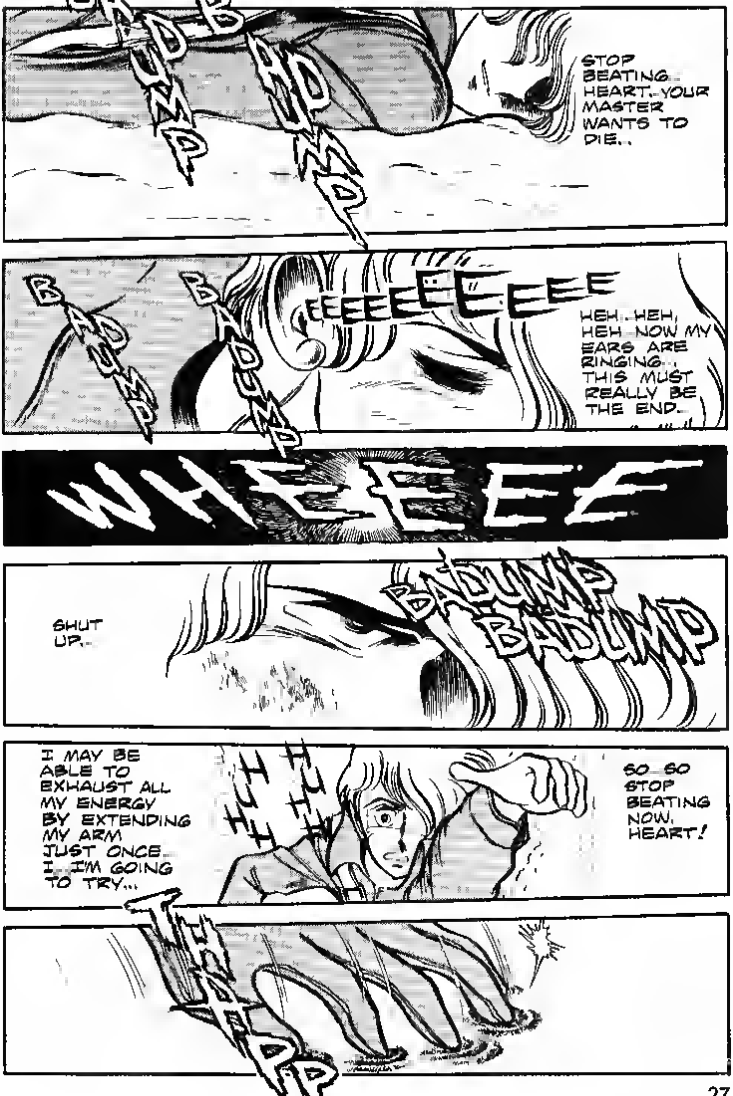
WHRAA

TSK TSK
SKUEE
I... CAN'T GO ANY FURTHER...
SOBBING
AND THE WATER FROM MY SURVIVAL KIT... ALL GONE, TOO.
I MAY DIE... AFTER ALL...


NO! I...I WON'T DIE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS ...!
I...I HAVE TO SEE... KANZAKI. I...HAVE TO...GET AT THE... TRUTH. I WON'T DIE... 'TIL THEN.
HUH
HUH
HUH
WATER PLEASE, SOMEBODY ...I NEED WATER...

WATER ...
WA- WATER ...
SHUDD
WHUMP
WA.. WATER..


SSSSSSS
HUH, HUH... I MAY... REALLY .. DIE HERE.
SSSS
MAY AS WELL... I GUESS
WHEN I AM GONE, WHEN I LEAVE THIS PLACE, ALL THE THINGS I HATED IN LIFE WILL DISAPPEAR, TOO...
..I AM GETTING TIRED OF THE KILLING..I AM GETTING WORN OUT. THIS ISN'T BAD. REALLY LETTING THE SAND EMBRACE ME LIKE THIS. I WAS GOING TO DIE EVENTUALLY... SO LET ME SLEEP NOW... LET ME REST...


BADUMP
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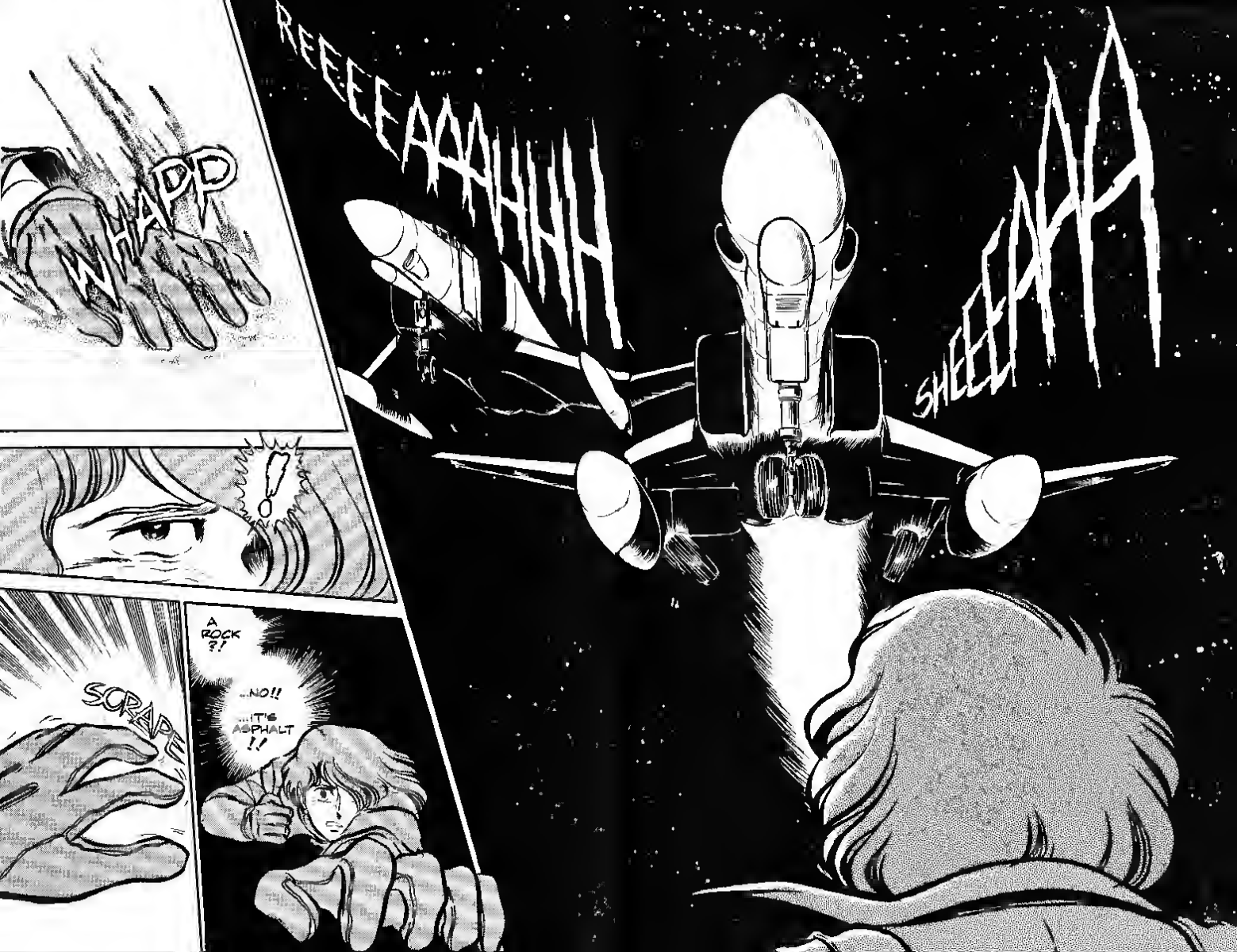
STOP BEATING HEART. YOUR MASTER WANTS TO DIE..
BADUMP
BADUMP
EEEEEEEEEEE
HEH..HEH, HEH NOW MY EARS ARE RINGING... THIS MUST REALLY BE THE END.
WHEEE
SHUT UP.
BADUMP BADUMP
I MAY BE ABLE TO EXHAUST ALL MY ENERGY BY EXTENDING MY ARM JUST ONCE... I'M GOING TO TRY...
SO...SO STOP BEATING NOW, HEART!
THUMP


WHAPP
REEEEAAAHHH
SHEEEAAA
!
A ROCK ?!
..NO!!
..IT'S ASPHALT !!
SCRAPE

Wooooo
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BC

THE SOUND OF THEIR BURNERS WENT BY OVERHEAD, FADING INTO THE GLITTERING VELVET SKY...
THE TAXIWAY LIGHTS SHONE IN BLUE ACCUSING EYES OF BURNING TURQUOISE...
WHILE THE RUNWAY LIGHTS ILLUMINATED THIS ASPHALT HELL...
IN THE DARKNESS OF THE NIGHT, THE DEVIL SAID: "LIVE!"